



TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees
From: Norma Aguirre, District CNS Manager
Subject: 2026 – 2027 Adult Meal Prices
Date: August 20, 2026

HISTORY:

The USDA/TDA requires meals served to adults not directly involved in the operation and administration of school nutrition programs be priced accordingly to cover the overall cost of the meal.

[FNS-GD-1988-0012](#)

RATIONALE:

Each year the CNS department reviews costs and adjusts adult meal prices accordingly. To calculate adult meal prices, we use the worksheet provided by TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture) on the Square Meals website.

<https://squaremeals.org/Programs/National-School-Lunch-Program/Administration-Forms/u9211q/6164756C74>

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration is recommending the Board of Trustees approve the price of \$4.00 for adult breakfast meal and \$5.75 for adult lunch meal for SY 2026-2027.

Adult Meal Calculator Worksheet

This worksheet provides the information needed to calculate adult meal prices using both approved methods. Choose the method of calculation (see the *Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM), Section 19, Meal Pricing* for additional information on which method to use). If the rate applies, record the rate in the *Amount CE Receives* cell. If using Method 1, record the local student paid charge in the designated *Local Student Paid Charge* cell. If using Excel, this worksheet will automatically calculate the amounts in the *Minimum Adult Charge* and *Total Federal Funds* cells. All amounts are carried to 4 digits and must be rounded up when determining the adult meal price. Non-pricing programs must always use Method 2. TDA posts the current reimbursement rates at SquareMeals.org.

Use the applicable rates for the school year when the adult meal prices will apply.

Method 1 Lunch	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Paid Reimbursement Rate	
Performance-Based Rate	
Severe Need Lunch Rate	
USDA Foods Rate	
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ -
Highest Local Student Price Charged	
Minimum Adult Charge	\$ -
Method 2 Lunch	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	\$ 4.78
Performance-Based Rate	\$ 0.09
Severe Need Lunch Rate	
USDA Foods Rate	\$ 0.32
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ 5.19
Minimum Adult Charge	\$ 5.19

New Lunch Price for 26-27 is 5.75

Method 1 Breakfast	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Paid Reimbursement Rate	
Severe Need Breakfast Rate	
USDA Foods Rate (Add if USDA Foods are used at breakfast)	
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ -
Highest Local Student Price Charged	
Minimum Adult Breakfast Charge	\$ -
Method 2 Breakfast	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	\$ 2.54
Severe Need Breakfast Rate	\$ 0.51
USDA Foods Rate (Add if USDA Foods are used at breakfast)	\$ 0.32
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ 3.37
Minimum Adult Breakfast Charge	\$ 3.37

New Breakfast Price for 26-27 is 4.00